

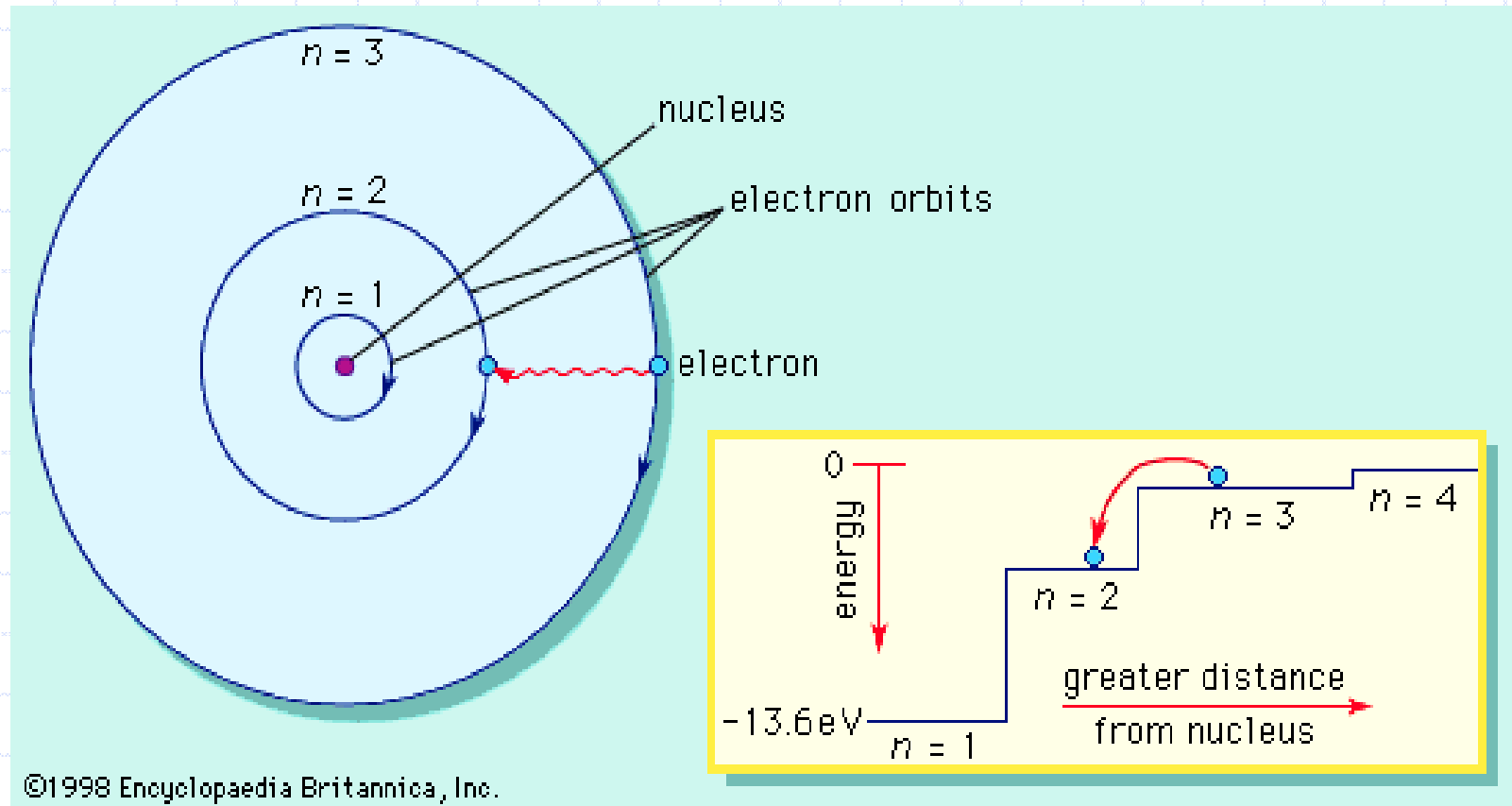
IB Chemistry

ATOMIC THEORY



Adapted from Scheffler
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Focus on Bohr's Model:



Energy Levels

- ◆ Electrons go in shells or energy levels. The energy levels are called **principle energy levels**, 1 to 4.
- ◆ The energy levels contain sub-levels.

Principle energy level	Number of sub-levels
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

These sub-levels are assigned the letters, **s, p, d, f**



Energy Levels

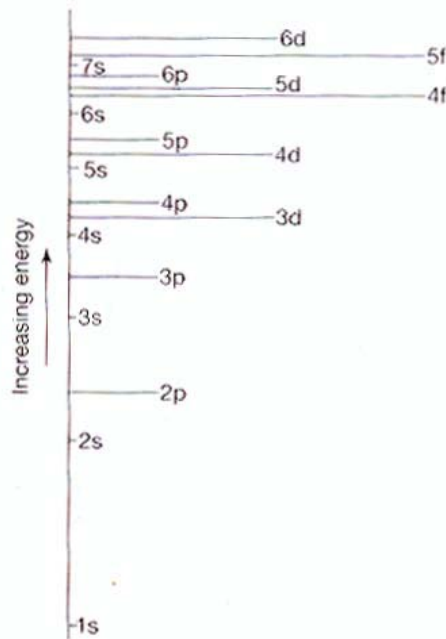
- ◆ Each type of sub-level can hold a different maximum number of electron.

Sub-level	Maximum number of electrons
s	2
p	6
d	10
f	14



Energy Levels

- ◆ The energy of the sub-levels increases from **s** to **p** to **d** to **f**. The electrons fill up the lower energy sub-levels first.

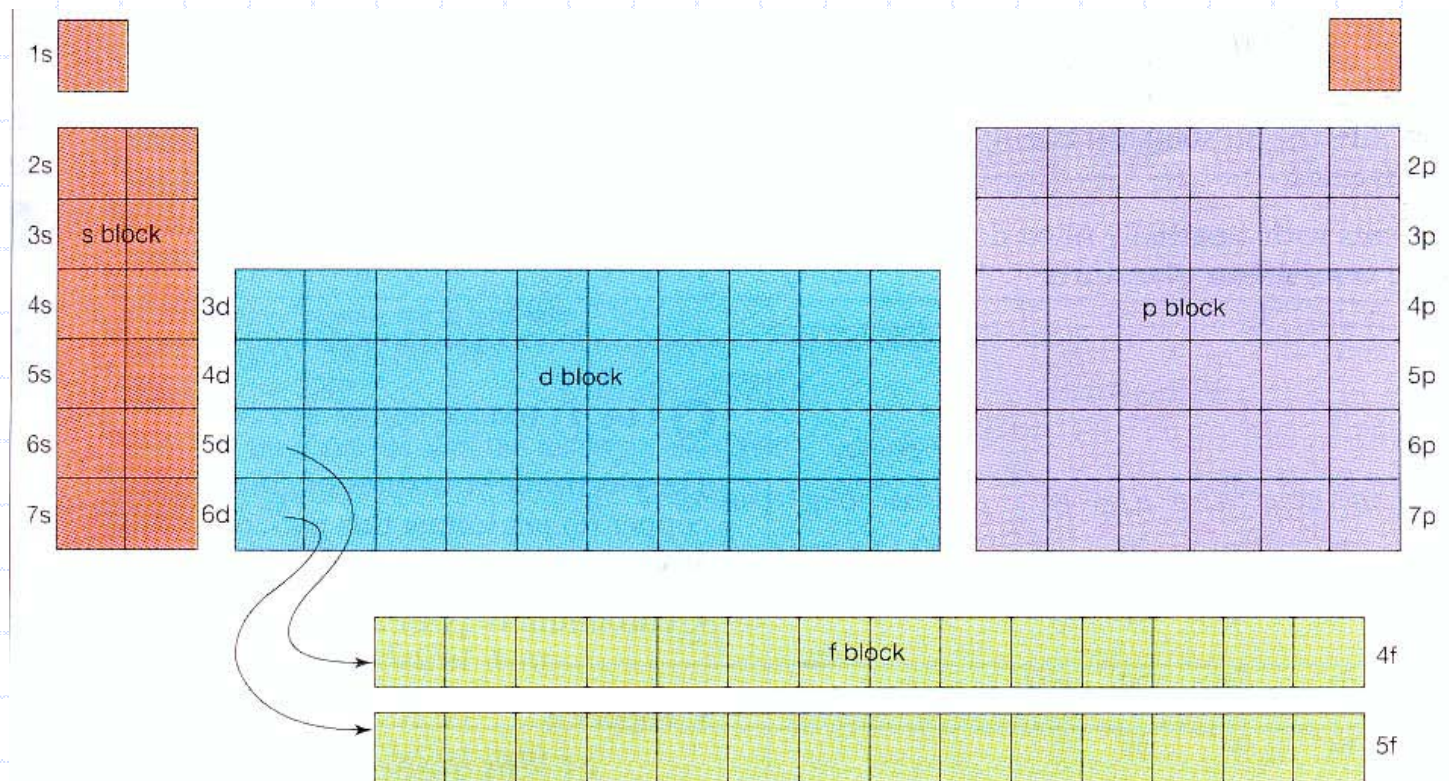


Looking at this table can you work out in what order the electrons fill the sub-levels?



Energy Levels

◆ Let's take a look at the Periodic Table to see how this fits in.



Electronic Structure

◆ So how do you write it?

$1s^2$

Energy level

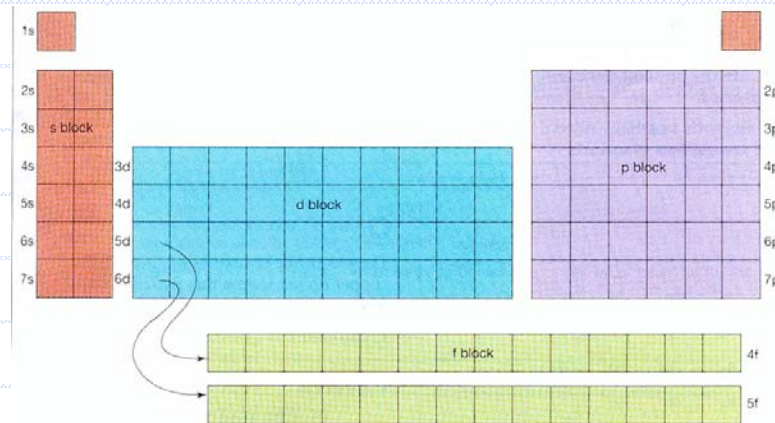
Sub-level

Number of
electrons

Example

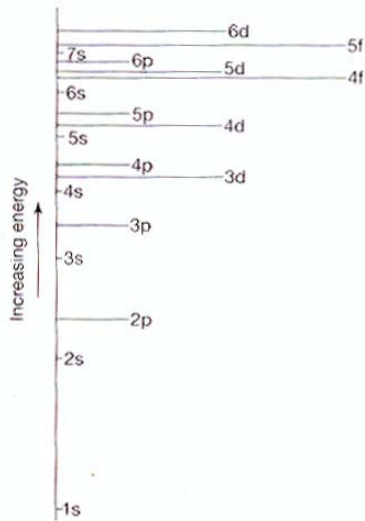
For magnesium:

$1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2$

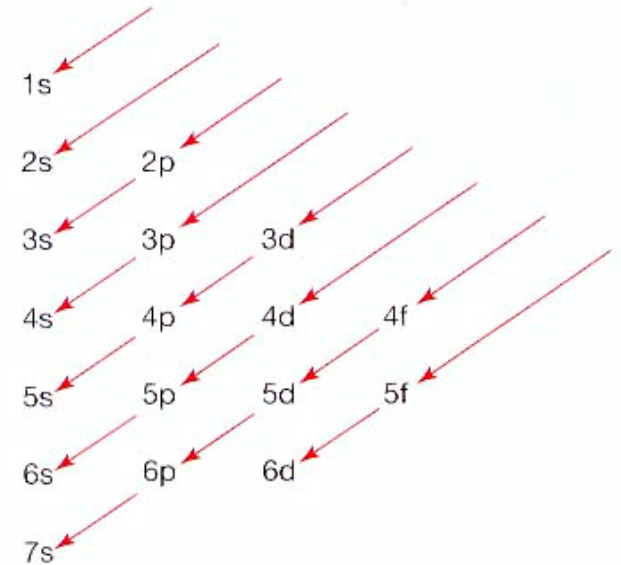


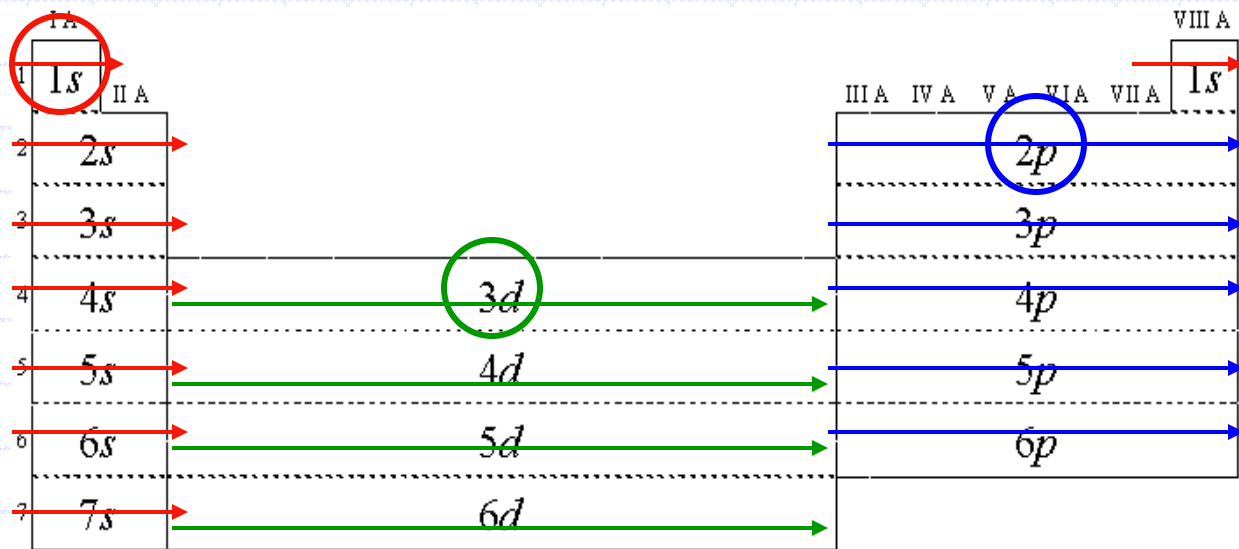
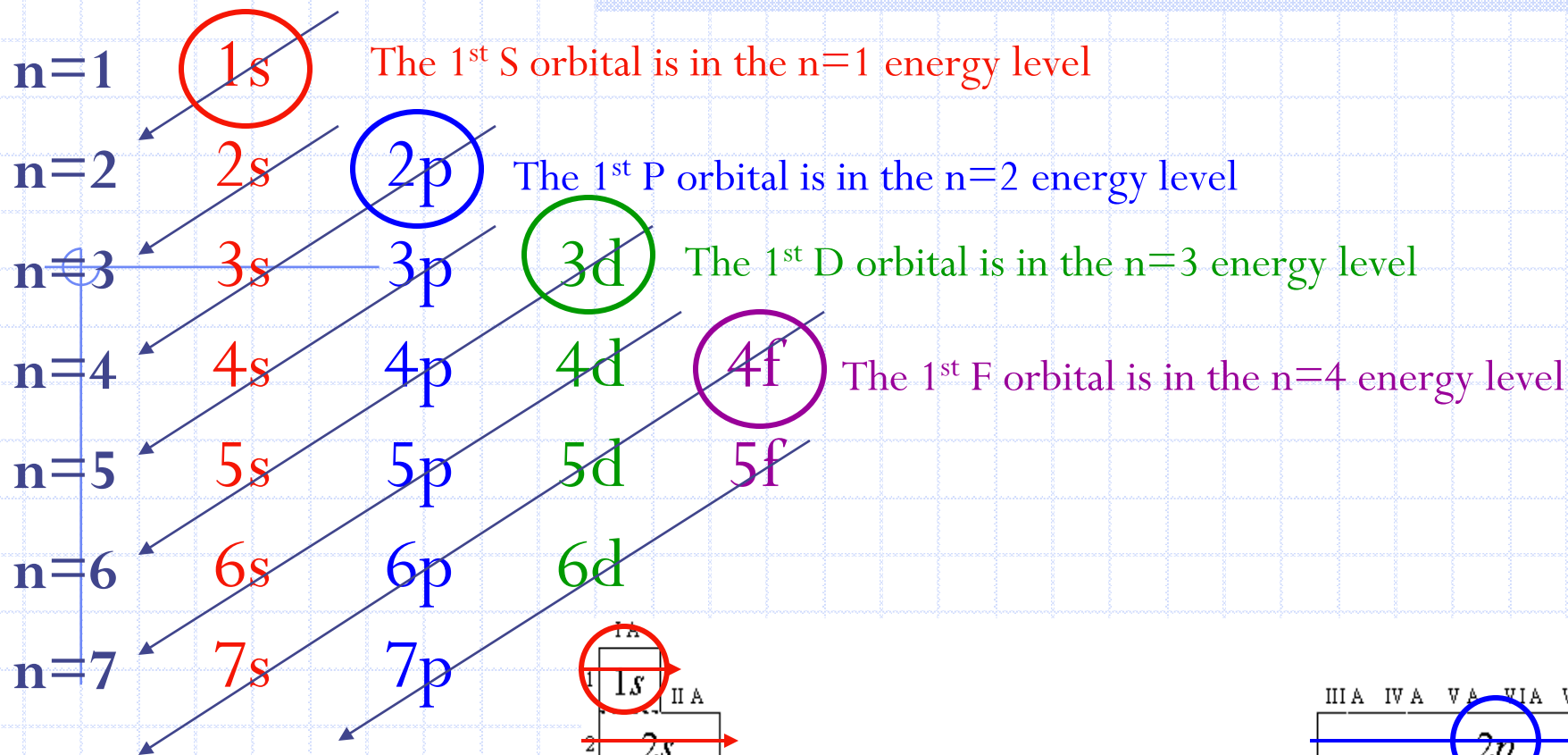
Electronic Structure

- ◆ The electronic structure follows a pattern – the order of filling the sub-levels is 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p...
- ◆ After this there is a break in the pattern, as that the 4s fills before 3d.
- ◆ Taking a look at the table below can you work out why this is?



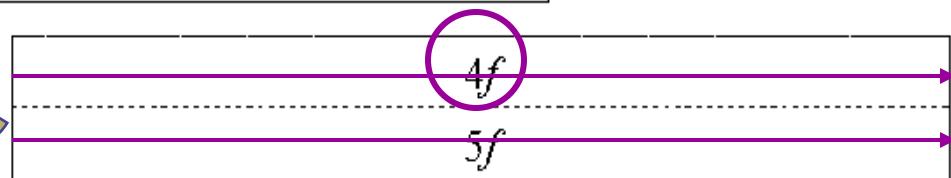
- This is because the 4s sub-level is of lower energy than the 3d sub-level.





Filling Order of Orbitals

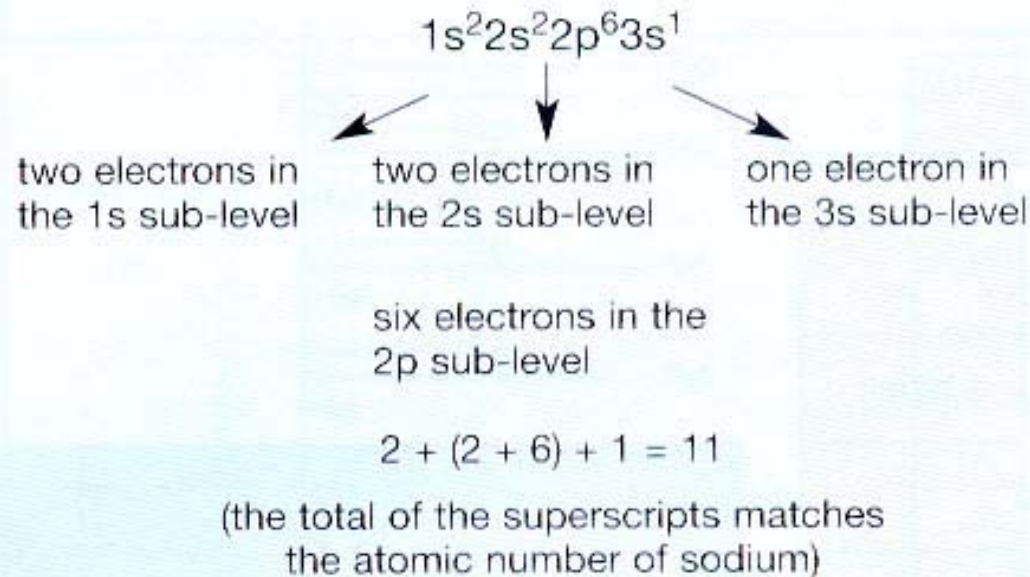
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Electronic Structure

◆ The order in which the energy levels are filled is called the **Aufbau Principle**.

◆ Example (Sodium – 2, 8, 1)



Electronic Structure

- ◆ There are two exceptions to the Aufbau principle.
- ◆ The electronic structures of chromium and copper do not follow the pattern – they are anomalous.
- ◆ Chromium – $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6, 3d^5, 4s^1$
- ◆ Copper – $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6, 3d^{10}, 4s^1$

Write the electronic configuration for the following elements:

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| a) hydrogen | c) oxygen | e) copper |
| b) carbon | d) aluminium | f) fluorine |



Electronic Structure – of ions

◆ When an atom loses or gains electrons to form an ion, the electronic structure changes:

- Positive ions: formed by the loss of e^-



Na atom

Na⁺ ion

- Negative ions: formed by the gain of e^-



O atom

O⁻ ion



Electronic Structure – of transition metals

- ◆ With the transition metals it is the **4s** electrons that are lost first when they form ions:

- Titanium (Ti) - loss of 2 e⁻



Ti atom

Ti²⁺ ion

- Chromium (Cr) - loss of 3 e⁻



Cr atom

Cr³⁺ ion



Electronic Structure - Questions

◆ Give the full electronic structure of the following positive ions:



◆ Give the full electronic structure of the negative ions:



Electronic Structure - Questions

◆ Copy and complete the following table:

	Atomic no.	Mass no.	No. of protons	No. of neutrons	No. of electrons	Electronic structure
Mg				12		$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$
Al^{3+}		27			10	
S^{2-}			16	16		
Sc^{3+}	21	45				
Ni^{2+}				30	26	



Orbitals

- ◆ The energy sub levels are made up of orbitals, each which can hold a maximum of 2 electrons.
- ◆ Different sub-levels have different number of orbitals:

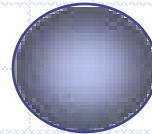
Sub-level	No. of orbitals	Max. no. of electrons
s	1	2
p	3	6
d	5	10
f	7	14



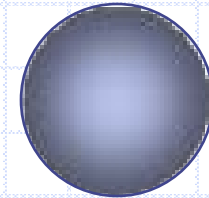
Orbitals

◆ The orbitals in different sub-levels have different shapes:

- s orbitals

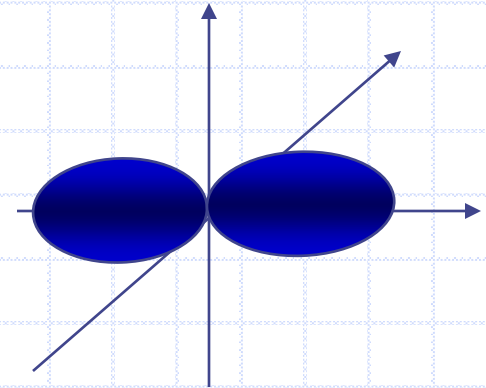
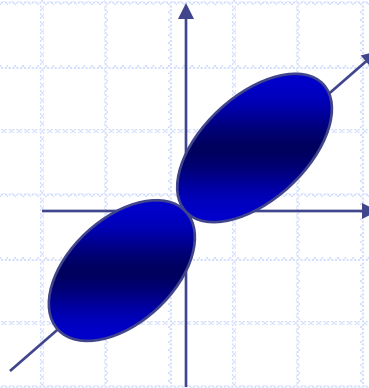
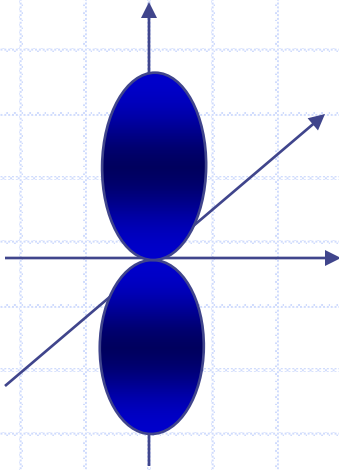


1s



2s

- p orbitals



What do d, f, g, h look like?

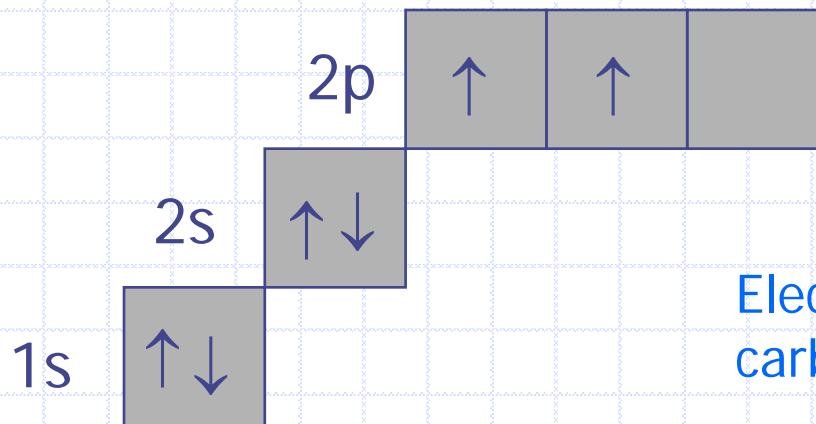
- ◆ Remember, these orbitals represent mathematical calculations of where electrons (behaving wave-like) reside. The calculation is a probability. As the equation calculates probability further from the nucleus the equations and space-filling representations become very..... funky.

◆ Probability Clouds



Orbitals

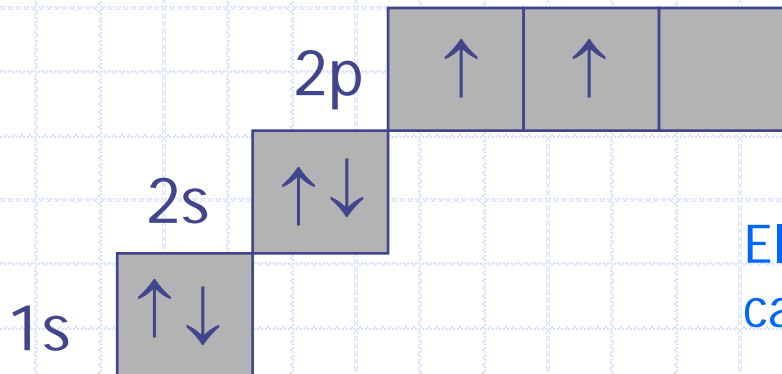
- ◆ Within a sub-level, the electrons occupy orbitals as unpaired electrons rather than paired electrons. (This is known as **Hund's Rule**).
- ◆ We use boxes to represent orbitals:



Electronic structure of carbon, $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^2$

Orbitals

- ◆ The arrows represent the electrons in the orbitals.
- ◆ The direction of arrows indicates the spin of the electron.
- ◆ Paired electrons will have opposite spin, as this reduces the **mutual repulsion** between the paired electrons.



Electronic structure of carbon, $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^2$

Orbitals

◆ Using boxes to represent orbitals, give the full electronic structure of the following atoms:

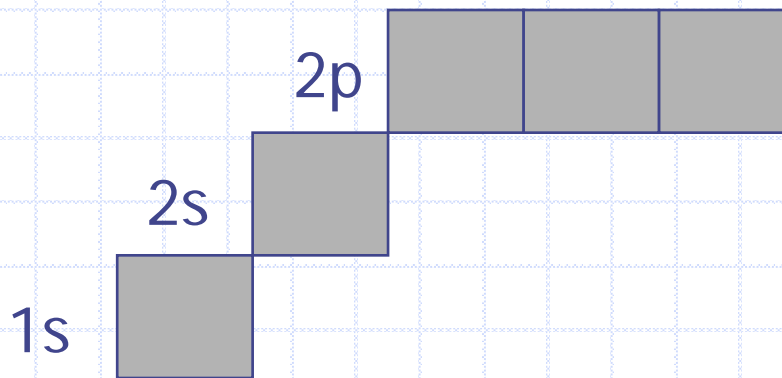
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b) fluorine

c) potassium

d) nitrogen

e) oxygen



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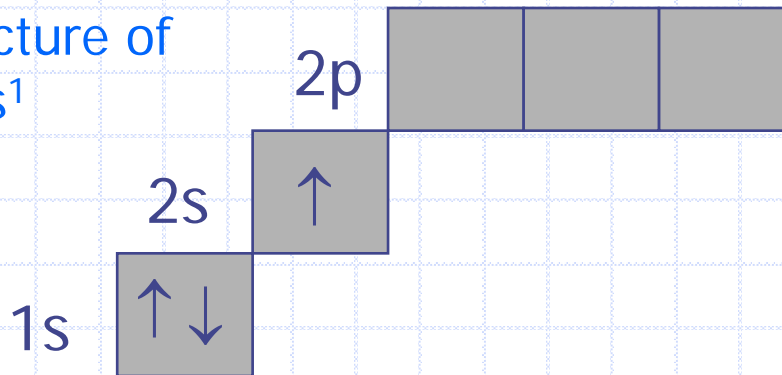
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Electronic structure of
lithium: $1s^2, 2s^1$



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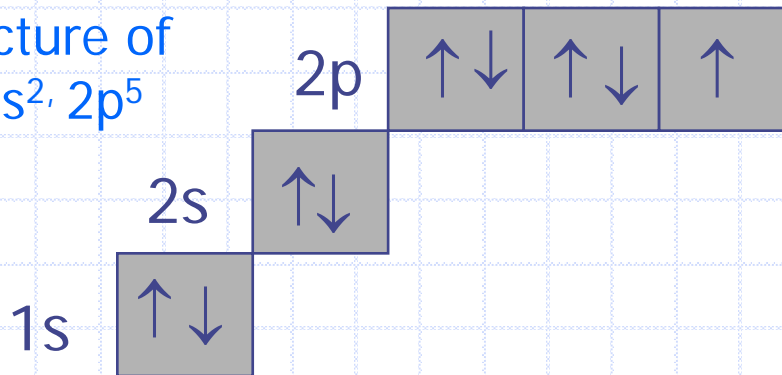
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e) oxygen

Electronic structure of
fluorine: $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^5$



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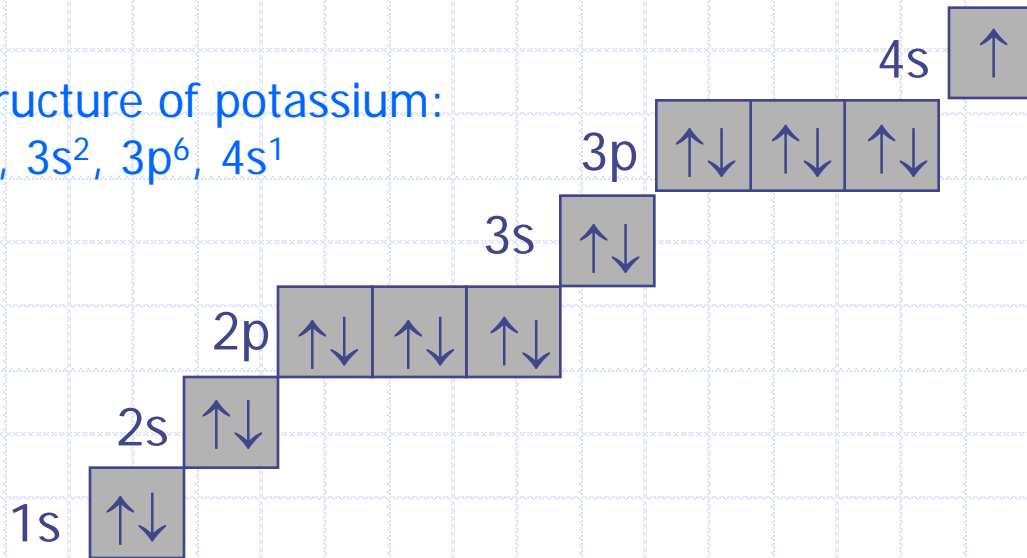
c) potassium

d) nitrogen

e) oxygen

Electronic structure of potassium:

$1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6, 4s^1$



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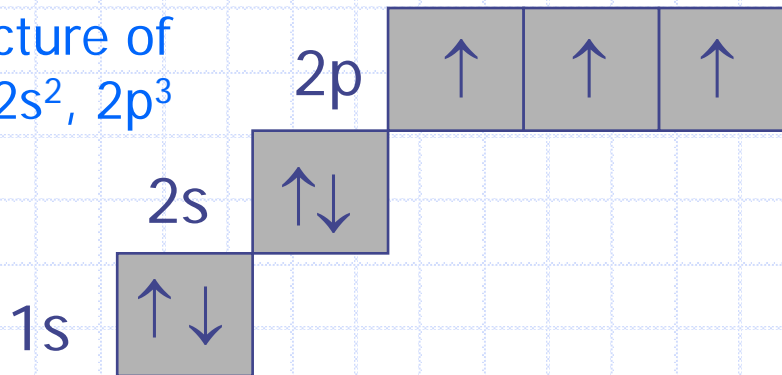
b) fluorine

c) potassium

d) nitrogen

e) oxygen

Electronic structure of
nitrogen: $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^3$



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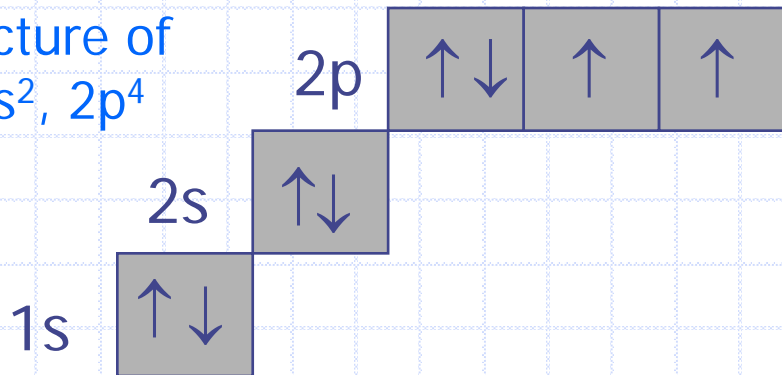
b) fluorine

c) potassium

d) nitrogen

e) oxygen

Electronic structure of
oxygen: $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^4$



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